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Abbreviations and acronyms you may find helpful in wading through bureaucracy.

AOA	Administration on Aging – Washington
AAA	Area Agency on Aging —Located in Regional Councils of Government
ACH	Adult Care Home (also called rest homes, domiciliary homes)
ACHCAC	Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee
ADM	Administrator
CAC	Community Advisory Committee
COG	Council of Governments (17 regional offices)
CNA	Certified Nursing Assistant
CON	Certificate of Need
DFS	Division of Facility Services-Raleigh and Black Mountain offices
DMA	Division of Medical Assistance – Raleigh
DOA	Division of Aging – Raleigh
DSS	Department of Social Services – located in each County
DDA	Developmentally Disabled Adults
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DHS	Division of Health Services (Health Department)
DON	Director of Nursing
DMHMRSA	Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse
FCH	Family Care Home
GHDDA	Group Home for Developmentally Disabled Adults
HA	Home for Aged (now referred to as adult care home)
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration – Washington (Handles Medicare and Medicaid)

HHS	Department of Health and Human Services – Washington
ICFMR	Intermediate Care Facility for Mentally Retarded
IV	Intravenous (into the veins)
LTC	Long Term Care
MR	Mental Retardation
NF	Nursing Facility
NHCAC	Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee
NA	Nursing Assistants
NCHCFA	North Carolina Health Care Facilities Association
NCCNHR	National Citizens Coalition for Nursing Home Reform
OAA	Older American's Act
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (Major Nursing Home Reform; of 1989-small nursing home changes)
PS	Protective Services (in each DSS, handles cases of abuse, neglect, exploitation)
PRN	Pro Re Nata- as needed
RACA	Regional Advisory Council on Aging (serves in advisory capacity to the Area Agency on Aging.)
SIC	Supervisor-in-charge in an adult care home
SA	Special Assistance for Adults Program (funding source for adult care expense)
SSA	Social Security Administration – Washington
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SLTCO	State Long Term Care Ombudsman – Wendy Sause
SMFP	State Medical Facilities Plan (includes nursing home bed allotments, Written annually by DFS)